Washington, D.C. — Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) will attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Streetcar Riverplace Extension on **Monday August 4th, at 2:00 p.m.**Earlier this year, Blumenauer, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, introduced legislation designed to revitalize streetcars around the nation. "The Community Streetcar Development and Revitalization Act" would build on the success of the Portland Streetcar by establishing a pilot grant program to provide funding for capital and start up costs of streetcar development. Funding under the new program could be used to fund future extension of Portland's streetcar routes. Blumenauer hopes to have his proposal included in a major transportation funding package which is due for consideration in Congress this year. Blumenauer is also championing the effort in Congress to secure federal funds to help extend the streetcar over the Willamette to Portland's Eastside. The House of Representatives recently approved legislation including \$90,000 for preliminary studies for the Eastside Streetcar Extension and the Senate will take up the funding bill this fall.

WHAT: Testimony Before House Public Buildings Subcommittee

WHEN: 2:00 PM

Monday, August 4th

2115 SW River Parkway

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